GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Plastic Littering
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country are facing the threats of plastic littering;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the plastic littering?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Management of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is the responsibility of concerned State/UT Governments. As National Parks and Sanctuaries are visited by large numbers of visitors every year, plastic littering in parks cannot be ruled out.

(b)&(c)No reports have been received in the Ministry regarding national parks and sanctuaries are under threat due to plastic littering.

The Central Government provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats", "Project Tiger" and 'Project Elephant" for various activities related to conservation of habitats in National Parks and Sanctuaries. Activities also include publication of publicity and education materials, public awareness programmes for children, stakeholders and public to bring awareness among masses regarding conservation of wildlife; cleaning of garbage, installing dustbins in the parks as and when sought by the State Governments.
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